In the Claims

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-10 (cancelled)

- 11. (new) A cement slurry, comprising a base fluid including cement, a first fibrous component made of metallic fibres and a second fibrous component made of glass, carbon or polymeric fibres having a density close to that of the base fluid, said second fibrous component present at a concentration of less than 10% by mass of the total fibrous content of the fluid.
- 12. (new) The cement slurry of claim 11, wherein the metallic fibres comprise amorphous cast iron.
- 13. (new) The cement slurry of claim 12, wherein the metallic fibres are flat, plate-like structures having an average length less than 10mm.
- 14. (new) The cement slurry of claim 11 wherein the second fibrous component has a length ranging from 5 to 35 mm.
- 15. (new) The cement slurry of claim 11, wherein the second fibrous component is selected from the list consisting of glass, polyamide, novoloid, polypropylene and polyester fibres.
- 16. (new) The cement slurry of claim 15 wherein the second fibrous component has a length ranging from 5 to 35 mm.
- 17. (new) A well fluid of claim 11, wherein the base fluid exhibits shear-thinning behaviour.
- 18. (new) A method of treating a well, comprising pumping into the well a well fluid as claimed in claim 17.

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19. (new) A method of treating a well, comprising pumping into the well a cement slurry as claimed in claim 11.